

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 18, 1981

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I herewith veto Senate Bill 836 for the following reasons:

This bill was intended to rectify the present situation with respect to misdemeanor DWI cases in which the Department of Public Safety suspends the drivers license of a person placed on probation, treating it as a final conviction. The problem with this bill is that an amendment was added that gives the same consideration to persons placed on felony probation, and this I object to. It is evident that a felony is much more serious than a misdemeanor and should not be treated the same as a misdemeanor.

Driving while intoxicated is a serious problem in Texas. Not only is the intoxicated person endangering his own life, but is endangering innocent people as well. We certainly don't need to encourage it by tapping felony convictions on the wrist. Therefore, I veto Senate Bill 836.

Respectfully,

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William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor



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